

Town of Buena Vista

Code Enforcement

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The Town of Buena Vista Code Enforcement

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With the winter season upon us, snow and ice are building up around town. Sidewalk and right-of-way snow removal is important to the safety and convenience of Town residents and visitors. We each need to do our part to keep our part of Town clear of snow and ice buildups for a safer and appealing community.

Whose job is it?

The Town of Buena Vista is responsible for street snow removal and sidewalks adjacent to Town properties. Individual property owners and occupants are responsible for snow removal on the sidewalks adjacent to their property. Renters are encouraged to talk to their landlord or consult their rental agreement to determine whether the landlord or tenant is responsible for removing snow and ice.

What must be done?

According to Section 7-56 of the Municipal Code, sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours after the end of the snowfall event. This law applies to residential and commercial properties. However, in the case of unusual or extraordinary weather circumstances, Code Enforcement is authorized to provide an extension of a reasonable time in which to clear the snow and ice.

To protect public health and prevent accidents that can occur from deposits of winter snow on sidewalks and in roadways, residents and business owners are asked to pile snow on private property. Additionally, shoveling snow/ice onto public streets creates unsafe driving conditions which can cause delays in the Town's snow plowing efforts and can increase the cost of snow removal. If the adjacent property owner does not clear sidewalks, the Town may have them cleared and the cost for doing so will be billed to the property owner.

Get Involved!

Adopt-A-Neighbor Program

The Town of Buena Vista is initiating an Adopt-A-Neighbor program with the intent to bring together individuals or organizations with a person needing assistance. The purpose is to develop a volunteering network that will assist residents with complying with town codes. The Adopt-A-Neighbor program encourages a healthier, safer and visually appealing community.

The Adopt-A-Neighbor program is available to low income, elderly or disabled individuals who are unable to shovel their own snow and have no other means of removing snow, such as the help of a family member or neighbor. Eligible persons must live within the Town of Buena Vista limits.

Those interested in receiving this service or volunteering to help must complete an application form which is available by calling Code Enforcement at 719-395-8643 Ext 22.

Remember it is against code to pile or deposit snow which:

- Limits access to any fire hydrant or traffic control devices.
- Blocks or obstructs the view of intersecting streets.
- Interferes with safe and orderly flow of pedestrians and vehicular traffic.
- Obstructs or impedes street drainage.
- Blocks sidewalks, streets or roadways.

Here are some other important tips:

- If you live on a corner, all sidewalks must be cleared, including the crosswalk approaches.
- Do not shovel snow onto sidewalks, neighboring properties or into the street.
- Do not blow snow beyond your neighbor's fence line.
- Make arrangements with a neighbor or a snow removal service to care for your property if you are going to be on vacation or are otherwise unable to shovel your walk in a timely way.
- Consider helping your neighbors with snow removal when they are out of town or when health issues become obstacles.
- Limit parking on streets during and after snow events to aid in municipal snow removal activities

All Town codes are available for review on the Town's website:

<http://buenavistaco.gov/2179/Municipal-Code>



Reminder

Animal Permits

Every Town resident who keeps farm animals (chickens, horses, goats, etc.) within Town limits is required to apply annually for a new Farm Animal Permit. The permits renew in January and are required if a resident wishes to continue keeping farm animal(s) within the Town limits.

For a copy of the application, please visit the Town website:
<http://buenavistaco.gov/488/Applications>

Report a Nuisance

To report a nuisance violation in the Town limits or if you have questions about a nuisance violation, please email or call Code Enforcement.

Office: [719-395-8643](tel:719-395-8643) x22

Cell: [719-966-9594](tel:719-966-9594)

email:

codeenforcement@buenavistaco.gov

web:

<http://buenavistaco.gov/2274/Code-Enforcement>

You will need to provide the following information: your name, your phone number, the concern you are calling about and the address or location of the concern.